

## Senate speaker leaves citing time constraints Student Senate



Nathan Edwards

**BRIAN MOODY**  
STAFF WRITER

The position of speaker of the Student Senate is up for grabs as Nathan Edwards has resigned to pursue other political ventures.

Edwards will retain his senate seat, but will no longer run meetings or manage the legislative branch. In an e-mail sent March 12, he said increased responsibility with Richard

Carter's congressional campaign had led to less time for the speaker position, but that he did not regret taking the opportunity to serve the university.

"I was honored, despite the controversy of my election, to be given the position of speaker," Edwards said in the e-mail. "I have tried to serve student government, as well as the students at large, to the best of my ability, and while a number of personal issues have presented roadblocks to the full execution of my duties, I feel that I have learned from this experience, as well as created positive change, in at least some small part, for the student body."

Neal Bonacci, College of Public Affairs and Community Service senator, said Edwards' decision came as no surprise due to his workload.

"It just sounded like he was pretty busy with some other things," Bonacci said. "He just couldn't handle the drop-in capacity to be handled. I think he made the best decision for him and student government as a whole."

President/Regent Lucas Seiler said Edwards' decision took several factors into account.

"I feel that he probably did what he had to do," Seiler said. "He said that he has previous engagements. He's working very hard with the Carter campaign, not to mention he is a senior about to go out of school. Not everyone's happy with the job he's doing, so he's decided what's best for him."

Shari Tangeman, College of Business Administration senator, had favored a no-confidence vote because senators were unhappy with Edwards' performance to date. She and other senators experienced problems with resolution sponsorship at first, but said that support had increased recently.

"He was doing his job, but he could have been doing it a lot better," Tangeman said. "I think what we realized was that a lot of people had a problem with him."

Tangeman said Edwards' absences from several executive council meetings and poor office hours tracking were only some of the issues; attitudes toward senators and imposing general rules during meetings led to less confidence in Edwards' leadership.

"He didn't treat senators with respect," Tangeman said. "I know a lot of senators were upset with the seating chart and the no-cell phones policy."

The new speaker will be elected at the senate's March 27 meeting at 7 p.m. in the Milo Bail Student Center, per student government rules requiring an immediate filling of the vacancy at the next regularly scheduled meeting.

Seiler said he is looking for commitment from the future speaker and the ability to run meetings with efficiency and few mistakes.

"I would say the person that I want to see in there has to be charismatic, who can run meetings efficiently [and] have to be good with the rules," Seiler said.

Editor-in-Chief Scott Stewart contributed to this report.



## 28 people, two homes, one effort

UNO biotechnology major Ryan Reynolds rips shingles from the top level of a New Orleans home. Reynolds was part of a group of 28 members of UNO, led by UNO Campus Minister Fred Richart and Recreations Chair of SPO Justin Loehr, that spent Spring Break in the gulf coast area as part of the Katrina relief effort.

Over 2 1/2 years after the most devastating national disaster in American history, the rebuilding process in the affected areas is nowhere near complete. Experts expect the relief effort to continue for at least 10 years before the city of New Orleans and the surrounding areas are completely restored.

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## Hynes selected for top administrative position

**TAYLOR MULLER**  
NEWS EDITOR

The university's No. 2 administrative position was filled March 14, when Chancellor John Christensen announced that Terry Hynes would be selected as the senior vice chancellor for academic and student affairs.

"UNO is fortunate to have attracted a senior administrator with the level of experience and vision possessed by Dr. Hynes," Christensen said in a university press release. "She received broad campus support, including those who directly report to the senior vice chancellor for Academic and Student Affairs. Dr. Hynes' fresh and innovative approach to our metropolitan mission will infuse our agenda with new energy and I look forward to having her join our leadership team."

Hynes was one of four final candidates to visit campus during the last few months. The search began when Sheri Noren Everts, UNO's acting vice chancellor, accepted the position of provost and vice president for academic affairs at Illinois State University.

Hynes is currently the dean emerita and professor in the College of Journalism and Communications at the University of Florida.

"I am honored and delighted to have been selected as UNO's next senior vice chancellor for academic

and student affairs," Hynes said in the press release. "I was attracted by UNO's mission and its clear and strong student-oriented focus, in serving the greater Omaha metropolitan area, the State of Nebraska and the region."

During the search process, Hynes fielded questions regarding an accreditation report that described her as autocratic and micromanaging during her tenure as dean.

The report, completed by the Accrediting Council on Education in Journalism and Mass Communication in 2005, reported that several faculty members had found it difficult, and possibly impossible, to work with Hynes.

During her campus visits, Hynes said the report had misrepresented the situation and was the product of only a few disgruntled faculty members.

"When you're in place over a period of time, it happens that people develop some grievances, and some people will be satisfied, as some people won't," Hynes said in an interview with the *Gateway* in February. "If a set of circumstances come together and people decide to take advantage of it, either positively or negatively, that can explode, and in some respects that's what I think happened."

Her appointment will begin June 15, but is subject to approval by the University of Nebraska Board of Regents at its April 18 meeting in Lincoln.



Terry Hynes

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## News You Can Use

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### 'Take Back the Night' rally to raise awareness of sexual assault, abuse

**Who:** Women's Resource Center and Feminist Leadership Alliance.  
**What:** Music, guest speakers and a candle light vigil that is part of a nationwide campaign.  
**Where:** Pep Bowl north of Eppley Administration Building and west of Arts and Sciences Hall.  
**When:** Friday, March 28, starting at 7 p.m.  
**Why:** To raise awareness about sexual assault and abuse.  
**How:** Signup for the event on Facebook or contact Jenn Piatt at 554-2730 or jnpiatt@gmail.com.

### Greeks to raise awareness, scholarship money with 5k run, walk

**Who:** UNO Greek Week Committee.  
**What:** Five kilometer Violence Awareness Run.  
**Where:** Elmwood Park.  
**When:** Sunday, March 30, with registration at noon and run starting at 1 p.m.  
**Why:** To raise awareness of violence in the Omaha committee and benefit the Brittany Williams Scholarship Fund.

**How:** Pre-register at [raiseawarenessomaha.org](http://raiseawarenessomaha.org) to receive a guaranteed t-shirt. Participants will also receive food from Colton's Wood fired Grill. Costs are \$15 per person, with children under 10 participating for free.

### Film series focuses on women's roles

**Who:** Chancellor's Commission on the Status of Women.  
**What:** Screening of films directed by women about women's issues followed by a discussion and question-and-answer period at the end of the film.  
**Where:** Eppley Administration Building Auditorium.  
**When:** All films will be screen from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. The remaining films are March 24, "Enemies of Happiness (Vores Lykkes Fjender)," by Eva Mulvad and Anja Al-Erhayem (2006, 59 min.), and March 31, "Quick Brown Fox, An Alzheimer's Story," by Ann Hedreen and Rustin Thompson (2004, 62 min.).  
**Why:** To examine films from a variety of genres and formats that address women's issues worldwide.  
**How:** Screenings are free and open to the public. For more information, contact Marvel Maring at 554-2992 or Becky Bohan Brown at 554-2243.

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## News Brief: Men's locker room site of sexual assault

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A student reported being sexually assaulted in the men's locker room of the Health, Physical Education and Recreation Building on March 10 around 10 p.m.

"The incident involved an unidentified male who touched another [male's] leg and asked 'can I touch your dick?' The victim replied 'no' and left the sauna," Assistant Manager of Campus Security Paul Kosel said in a letter to the *Gateway*.

The Campus Crime Log recorded the incident as a third-degree sexual assault, which is an assault that involves sexual contact without the consent of the victim and no serious personal injury to the victim.

According to the incident report, the suspect was in his late 20s to mid 30s. He was Caucasian and described as thin, 5'8" and around 150 pounds.

*Editor's note: Gateway policy is to withhold names and graphic details from published reports of sexual assaults and similar crimes. In this case, however, the information was redacted from public records provided by Campus Security.*

## Crime Log

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### Wednesday, March 5

**12:15 a.m.** While on patrol, Campus Security identified a suspicious person. Further investigation disclosed 9 mm ammunition laying on the ground outside the parked vehicle of the suspect. Suspect was located and issued a ban and bar notice. No weapon was found.

**12:15 a.m.** While Campus Security and Omaha Police were searching for a suspect with a weapon, two suspects exited near the construction site of Maverick Village. The driver was found to be driving on suspension, and the passenger was found to have outstanding warrants. Both were arrested by Omaha Police and transported to jail.

**3:38 p.m.** Campus Security officers were dispatched to Durham Science Center concerning a suspicious person. Further investigation disclosed the suspect was stealing personal property from an office when interrupted by the owner. The suspect fled. No apprehension was made.

### Thursday, March 6

**10 p.m.** Student reported encountering a suspicious person in the Health, Physical Education and Recreation Building. Reporting party felt threatened by the suspect's action. Incident occurred at 8:30 p.m., Tuesday, March 4.

### Friday, March 7

**12:55 a.m.** While on patrol, Campus Security witnessed suspicious activity in Lot N. Further investigation disclosed four suspects were in possession of a controlled substance. The controlled substance was confiscated. One student was referred for disciplinary action. Three non-affiliated suspects were released.

### Saturday, March 8

**1:44 a.m.** While on patrol, Campus Security witnessed a violation of the public health code. Further investigation disclosed an alcohol violation. Four students were referred for disciplinary action.

**3:15 a.m.** While on patrol, Campus Security witnessed suspicious activity in Lot 10. Further investigation disclosed an alcohol violation. The alcohol was confiscated, and one student was referred for disciplinary action.

**3:57 a.m.** While on patrol, Campus Security witnessed suspicious activity at Scott Village. Further investigation disclosed an alcohol violation. The alcohol was confiscated, and six students were referred for disciplinary action.

### Monday, March 10

**4:17 p.m.** Student reported theft of personal property from Arts and Sciences Hall. Incident occurred between 3:45 p.m. and 3:50 p.m.

**10:30 p.m.** Student reported being a victim of a third degree sexual assault in the Health, Physical Education and Recreation Building. Incident occurred at 10:05 p.m.

### Thursday, March 13

**11:08 p.m.** Campus Security was dispatched to Lot K regarding the theft of university property. Upon arrival, property was missing; no suspects at this time.

### Friday, March 14

**11:20 p.m.** Campus Security was dispatched to University Village regarding a report of a controlled substance violation. One student was referred for disciplinary action, and one visitor received a ban and bar notice.

### Saturday, March 15

**1:55 p.m.** Campus Security was dispatched to University Village to take a personal property theft report. Incident occurred between 11 p.m. Friday, March 14, and 2:45 a.m. Saturday, March 15.

### Sunday, March 16

**5:08 a.m.** While on patrol, Campus Security investigated suspicious activity in Lot A. Further investigation disclosed an intoxicated visitor. Omaha Police were notified. The suspect was arrested for driving under the influence and their vehicle was impounded by the police.

### Monday, March 17

**2:30 a.m.** While on patrol, Campus Security officers witnessed a liquor violation. Further investigation identified one student and four visitors. The student was referred for disciplinary action.

### Tuesday, March 18

**1:35 a.m.** While on patrol, Campus Security investigated suspicious activity in Lot 12. Investigation discovered an alcohol violation. The Omaha Police were called. Two students were cited for minor in possession. Both students were referred for disciplinary action.

**3:15 a.m.** While on patrol, Campus Security investigated suspicious activity in Lot 9. Investigation discovered a controlled substance violation. The Omaha Police were called. One visitor was cited for possession less than one ounce and possession of drug paraphernalia. The visitor was issued a ban and bar notice. Two students were referred for disciplinary action.

**4 p.m.** Campus Security responded to University Village and confiscated a bong and alcohol. The alcohol was disposed of and the bong was placed into evidence.

### Thursday, March 20

**1:30 a.m.** While on patrol, Campus Security witnessed a traffic violation. Further investigation disclosed an alcohol violation at University Village. Three students were referred for disciplinary action.

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## Coming together for Katrina



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A duplex in the Ninth Ward remains virtually untouched after being engulfed in water 31 months ago. The mold covering this property makes it unlivable, and it waits patiently for its destruction.

COMMENTARY BY  
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SPORTS EDITOR

In August 2005, Hurricane Katrina sunk its merciless teeth into the Gulf of Mexico's northern coast. The deadliest natural disaster in American history directly claimed over 2,000 lives and left hundreds of thousands of others without homes.

It is now nearly 31 months after the storm and the rebuilding effort is still nowhere near complete. Recent reports indicate that just five percent to 10 percent of damaged property in New Orleans has been rebuilt.

On March 15, UNO Campus Minister Fred Richart and 27 UNO students crammed into four vans and embarked on a 38-hour round trip to Slidell, La., to join the recovery cause.

Slidell is a city just outside of New Orleans. After Katrina and Rita hit, the city of Slidell became a place of refuge for many of the survivors. Slidell tripled in size and is currently 85 percent recovered from the storm.

For Richart, this was his fifth relief trip to Katrina-ravaged areas in the gulf. He teamed up with the recreations chair of UNO's Student Programming Organization, Justin Loehr, to make this trip possible.

"When Justin called and said he'd like to partner with [the United Christian Ministries in Higher Education], it seemed like a good idea," Richart said. "In fact, it was."

Thanks to Richart and Loehr, I was given the opportunity to be a part of this trip as well. The following account of our



photo by Jason Sibson

A volunteer group from Maryland prepares to lay down shingles on a New Orleans roof. The group worked with the UNO students in rebuilding the home.

experiences on this trip only scratches the surface of what took place during our stay in Slidell, and the current conditions of the surrounding areas can not possibly be explained in a newspaper article. Much like stories of disaster-stricken areas and photographs of Katrina's damages, the devastation of this disaster can only truly be felt first-hand.

We left campus Saturday around 1 p.m. and arrived in Slidell Sunday morning. The ride was long and sleep depriving, but it gave us all a chance to get to know each other. After 20 hours, the six of us inside that Chrysler Touring, as well as the other 22 in their respective vans,

had made an easy transition into friendship.

We stayed in the recently rebuilt First United Methodist Church of Slidell. Twenty-eight cots, three tiled rooms and a gymnasium provided our group with more room and board than many members of the surrounding cities could claim. It was a fairly tight squeeze, but in the end it brought us together.

Day one was all about organization and play. We appointed team leaders, dinner coordinators and soccer team captains – read on for explanation. Thanks to Justin's gracious family, residents of Diamondhead, Miss., we grabbed a perfect spot for the Gulfport St. Patrick's Day parade. For us, there was nothing like a little play before work.

But 6 a.m. the following morning, it was time to get busy. Over the next four days, we split into two determined and focused groups.

Carol from Slidell needed a floor. She needed serious renovation of her backyard and fence. She needed her waterlogged shed discarded and her walls repainted.

Above all, Carol needed to know that someone was there to help.

"I was curious about the psychology and how people were thinking down there," said Geoff Vicek, a fire protection major. "After talking to Carol, I realized that she is a very blue-collar person that had just come to accept that she needed help."

Pamela from New Orleans has been living in a Federal Emergency Management Agency trailer in her front yard since the hurricane. Her house still showed signs of eight-foot-high water levels, and the walls were infested with mold from the inside out.

Pamela's house needed a dousing of bleach before it was even livable. She needed old siding and roofing ripped down, new plywood and siding hung and new shingles for her double-level roof.



photo by Jason Sibson

The group of 28 huddles in front of the church it stayed in before it makes its way back to Omaha.

Pamela seemed extremely touched by our presence, as we were by hers.

As the trip wore on and the days passed, we arrived back at the church with a greater sense of purpose. Still, there was time for fun.

Soccer, volleyball, basketball and "Catch Phrase" highlighted our nights. We spent time with the members of the church, with other volunteers who were passing through and most importantly, with each other. At least in my experience, there is nothing like a bond that a large group develops when driven by a common goal like the one we had.

The nightmarish severity of the current situation

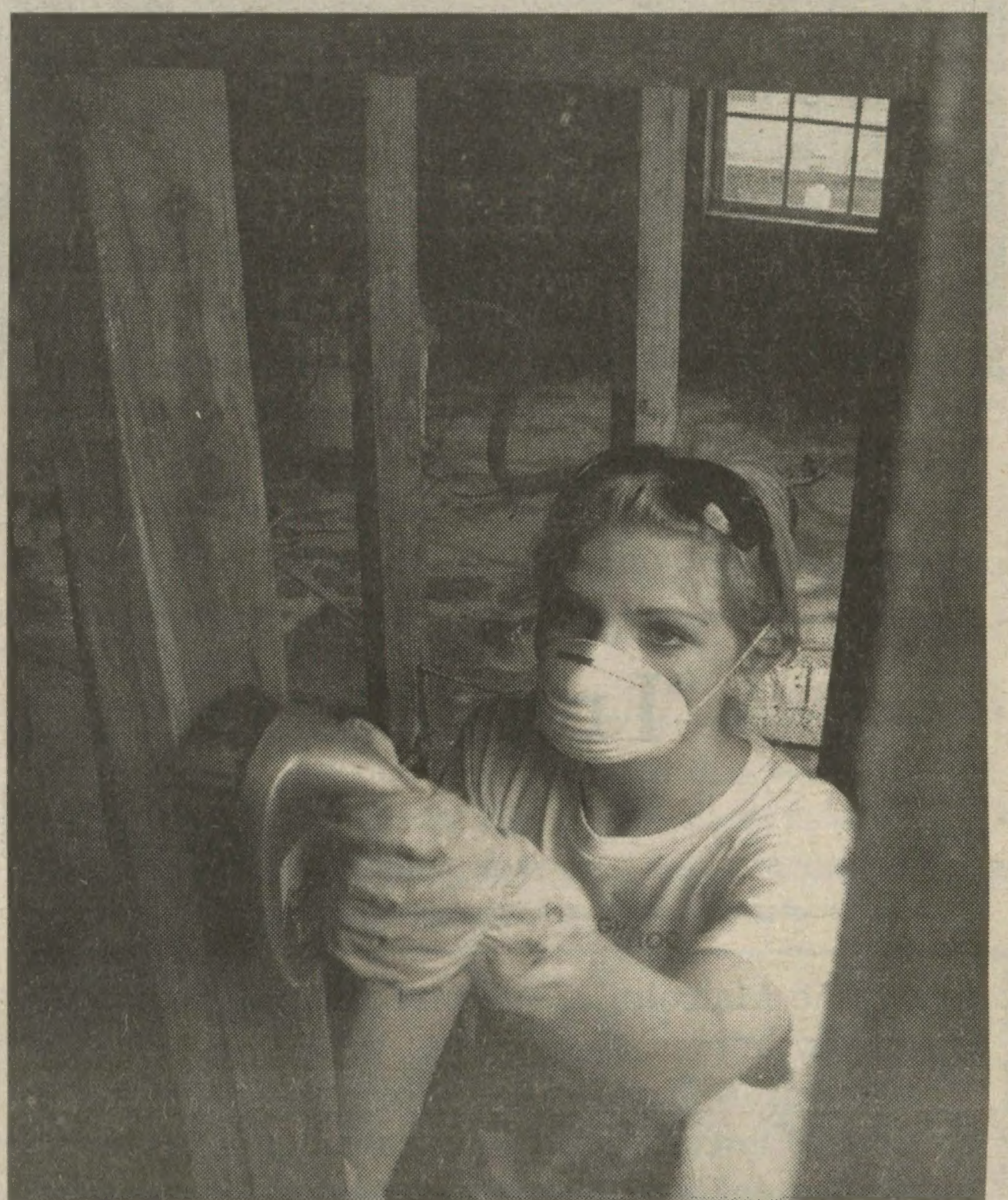


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UNO sophomore Kim Leise scrubs mold off the beams of a New Orleans home.

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Omaha North student Josh Cleveland, along with his classmates, helped paint a chapel in the North Omaha Salvation Army.

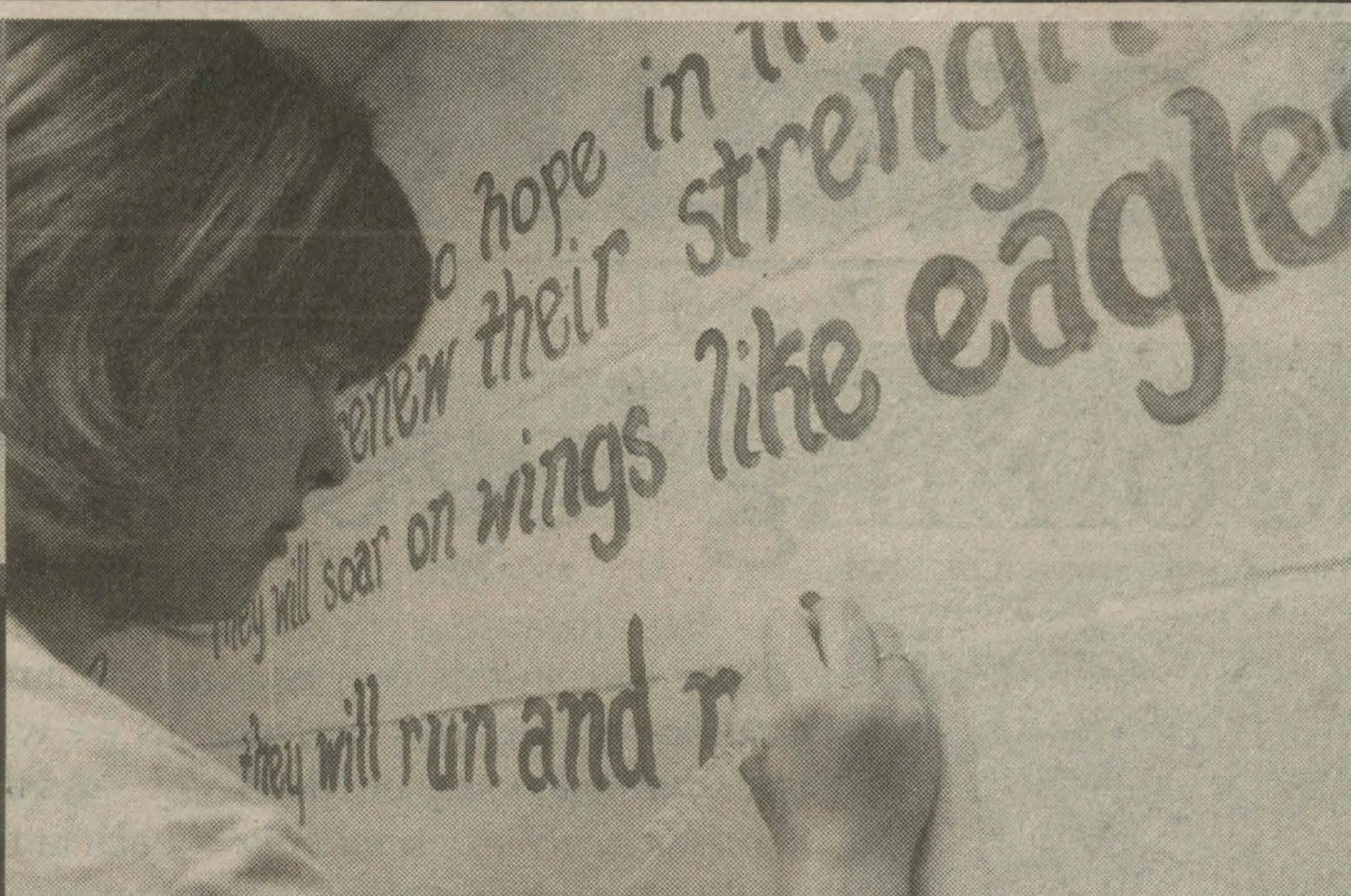


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Air Force Linguist Boonie Downing, a member of the Bellevue Christian Center, paints words of encouragement inside a North Omaha Salvation Army.

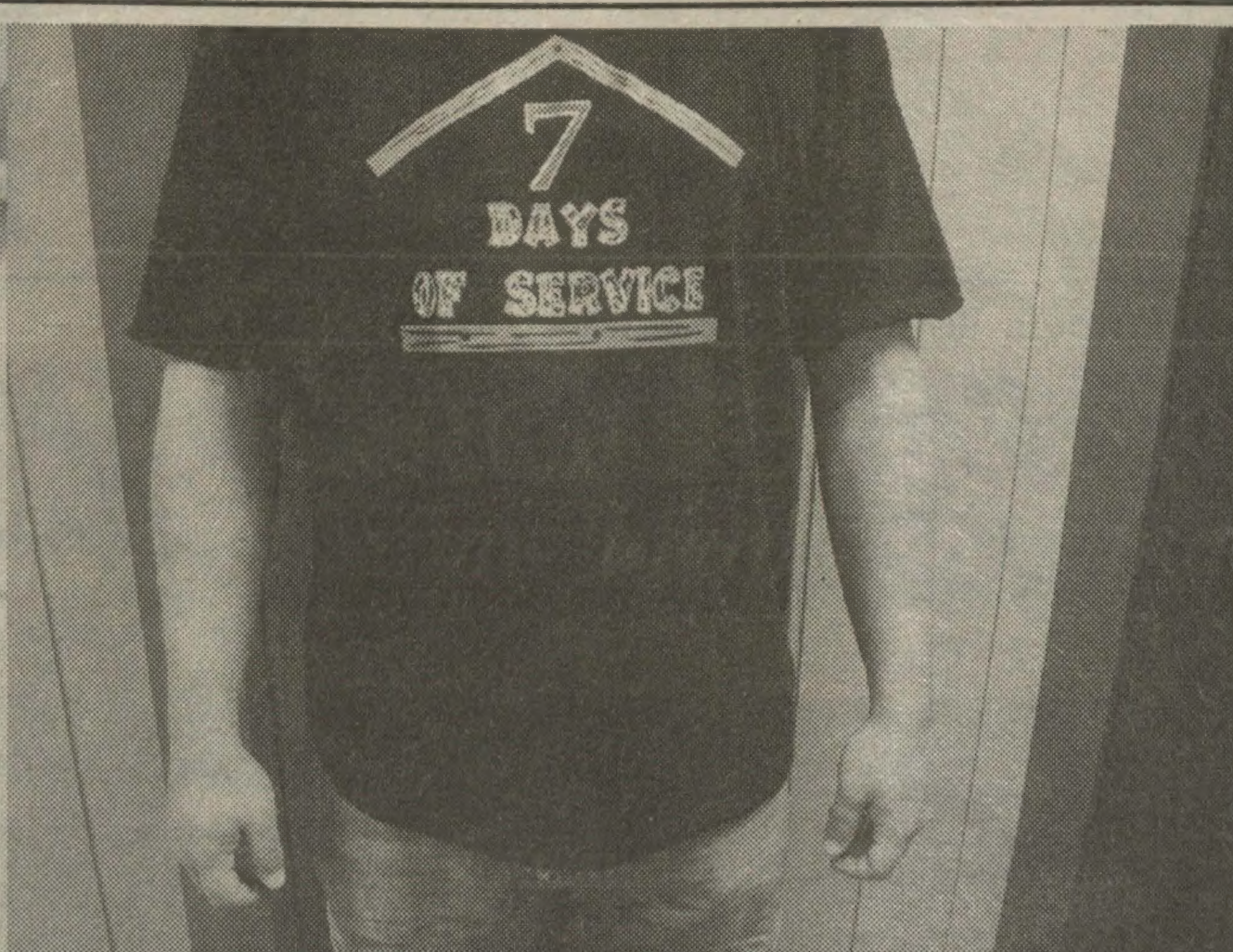


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Hundreds of students and members of the community spent their spring breaks volunteering to paint, put up dry wall, rake leaves, install windows and countless other activities in order to improve the Omaha community.

# A successful seven days of service

## Student volunteers spend spring break giving back to community

JUDY HANSEN  
CONTRIBUTOR

Many students spent their spring break on the beach, at work or in bed. However, almost 500 UNO students used their spring break to give back to the community.

During the sixth annual Seven Days of Service, volunteers renovated and cleaned the Salvation

The Mercados said they have medical bills and student debt, which makes budgeting for a home difficult. Thanks to volunteers for Habitat for Humanity and Seven Days of Service, families such as the Mercados can afford the American dream.

Among the volunteers were students who actually helped plan Seven Days of Service as part of their UNO coursework. These students enrolled in service-learning classes

to the Service-Learning Academy located in Room 220 of Arts and Sciences Building.

While many students decided to get class credit during Seven Days of Service, many simply wanted to spend their spring break bettering Omaha. More than 3 percent of all UNO students volunteered for Seven Days of Service this year.

UNO student Rachel Eckman participated for the first time this year. Eckman helped renovate a home on Meredith Street.

"I was amazed at how quickly a home can be renovated when people are willing to help," Eckman said. "It was quite impressive to look at how much work had been done at the end of the day."

Eckman said she will "definitely" volunteer for Seven Days of Service next year. She said anyone could take small steps to help the community.

"I really feel as if I made a difference," Eckman said. "I'm proud of the work I did."

**"I really feel as if I made a difference."  
-Rachel Eckman**

Army, the Malcolm X site and several Habitat for Humanity homes.

The value of volunteer labor was estimated to be \$95,000 in community improvements, according to a statement by the university. Volunteers worked March 15 and March 17 through March 22.

UNO students and faculty joined students from Omaha North High School's engineering program and the Omaha Public Schools Construction Academy to rejuvenate the Salvation Army.

"Literally every room was redone," said Erik Christensen, who works for UNO's Service Learning Academy and oversaw the Salvation Army project.

Volunteers replaced almost every ceiling tile in the large building. They knocked out walls, sanded, cleaned and painted.

In the Salvation Army chapel, they painted with bright lime greens, deep plumbs and fuchsias. The design was carefully planned. When the brushstrokes concluded, the wall remarkably resembled stained glass.

"It's a long process, but work gets done fast when you have lots of volunteers," Christensen said. "Two days ago, nothing had been done. Now, you can see huge improvements."

In addition to assisting the Salvation Army, volunteers also renovated homes for Habitat for Humanity. The homes will be available to low income buyers.

Walter and Damika Mercado will be purchasing one of the homes UNO students fixed, according to a sign on the property.

"The neighborhood where we live has a high crime rate, which means we have to worry about our children's safety," the Mercados wrote. "We must also cope with substandard living arrangements, bad heating, poor wiring and a leaky roof."

offered through various departments.

Construction systems students assessed properties and planned renovations. Public relations students made media kits and garnered publicity. Social work students solicited donations and recruiting volunteers, the Service-Learning Academy Web site stated.

"Any class can be a service-learning class," said Arturo Miranda, a graduate assistant for UNO's Service-Learning Academy. "Service-learning classes are helpful because real world experiences are more educational than lectures."

Miranda said it might be difficult to locate service-learning classes using E-BRUNO because there is no specific class category for them. Service-learning classes are identified in the "additional comments" area beneath the course information, typically reading "community service included" or "service project required."

Students interested in enrolling next semester may find it easier to go directly

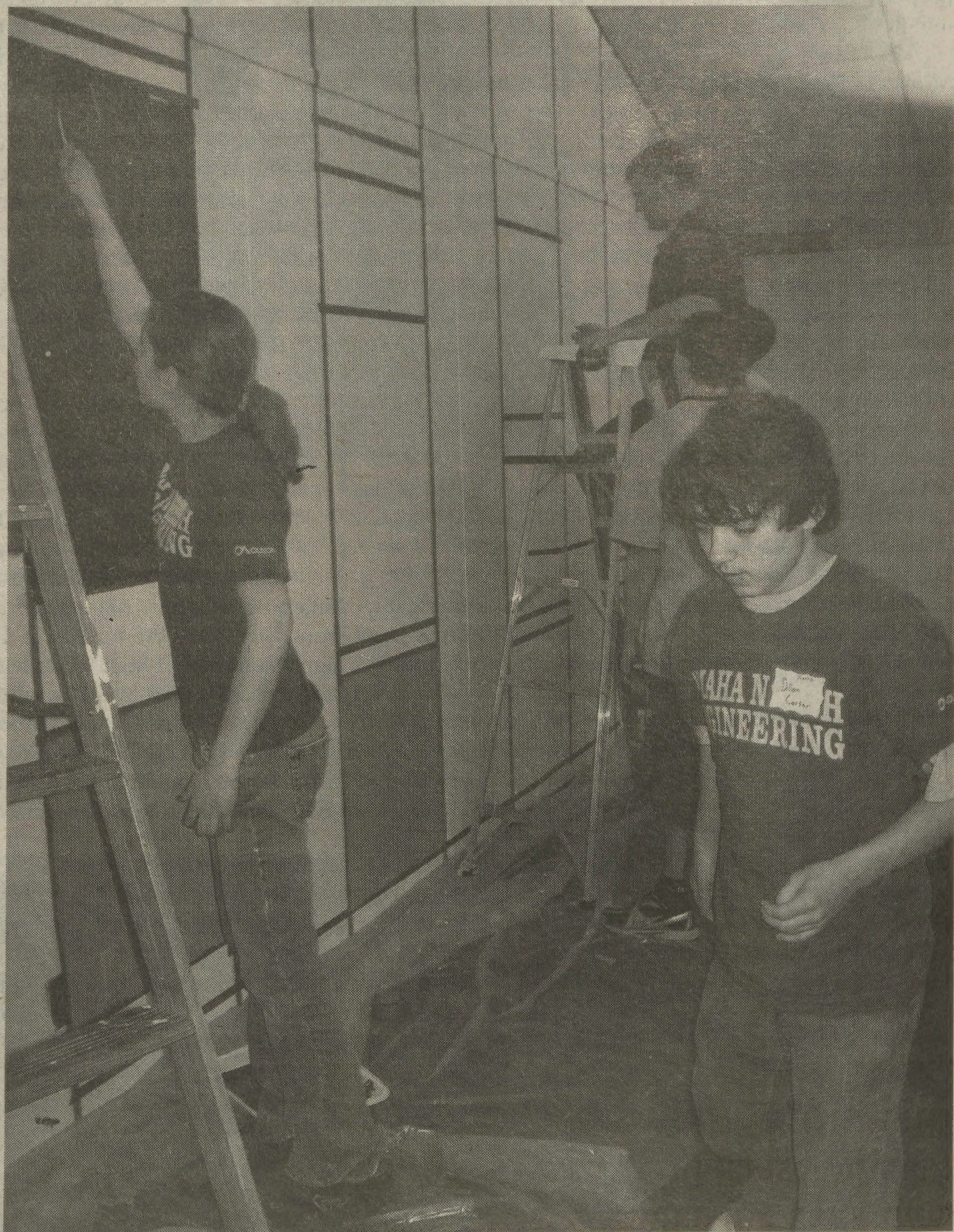


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According to a university statement, approximately 500 students will donate more than \$95,000 during the Seven Days of Service project. The mission of the program is to facilitate the building and strengthening of the Omaha community through active engagement and giving back to it.

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## Wrestlers finish third, claim two individual national titles

JASON SIBSON  
SPORTS EDITOR

The UNO wrestling team's bid for four Division II national championships in five years fell short in Cedar Rapids, Iowa, over spring break.

The team settled for their second third-place finish in as many years, looking up at North Central Conference rival Minnesota State, Mankato, and UNK, this year's national champion.

Still, D-II's most successful wrestling program of this decade did not walk away from this year's championships empty-handed. Sophomore Cody Garcia claimed the 125-pound crown with an 8-2 decision over MSU's Nick Smith. Junior Todd Meneely won his second straight national championship in the 149-pound division after defeating Western State's Camille DuPont 9-3.

For Garcia, the title was merely icing on a cake made of season-long success. Despite injuries in the middle of the season, Garcia finished with a record of 22-1. He was named the most outstanding wrestler of the North Central Regional Tournament and earned that same honor at nationals.

Garcia's work as an exercise science major earned him a spot, along with four other UNO wrestlers, on the North Central Conference Commissioner's Academic Honor Roll of wrestling.

As UNO's opening wrestler of every tournament or meet, Garcia's role as pacesetter is vital to his team's success. UNO Head Coach Mike Denney is usually the first to attest to the importance of his lead-off man, and was proud of Garcia's achievements in his sophomore campaign.

"It was great to see what Cody accomplished,"

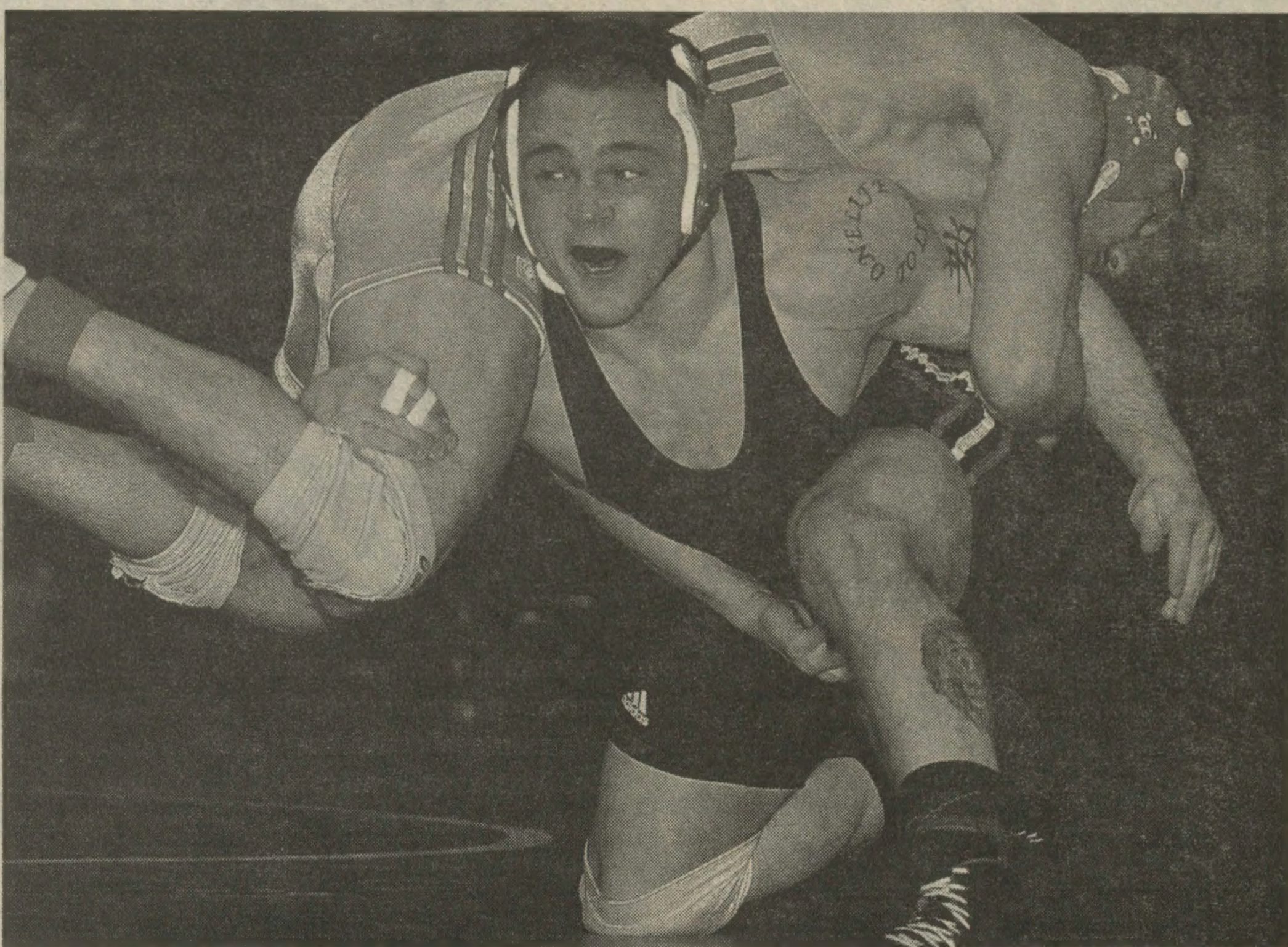
Denney said. "Especially after the injury and everything he had to go through."

Meneely, a wrestler driven by focus and intensity, proved himself yet again as he powered his way through the national field. As the self-proclaimed hardest worker on the team, the junior from Omaha became just the seventh wrestler in UNO history to win back-to-back national titles.

Two-time All-American Ross Taplin also made a national championship final, falling 5-2 to Albert Miles of Pittsburg Johnstown in the 174-pound title bout.

UNO may have fallen short of a national title this season, but they still bring an overbearing resume with them into the Mid-America Intercollegiate Athletics Association for the 2008 season. In Denney's eyes, the season was a success.

"I am really proud of how we competed. We



courtesy of UNO Athletic Department

Junior Todd Meneely captured his second-straight national title at 149 pounds after defeating Western State's Camille DuPont during the NCAA Division II National Championships.

overcame adversity and made the best of things," Denney said. "Every guy we brought with us won at least one match this year."

As UNO looks ahead to next season, they will leave behind just one wrestler from this year's lineup, senior co-captain Henry Wahle. Needless to say, UNO will be back again next year as a top contender for a national championship.

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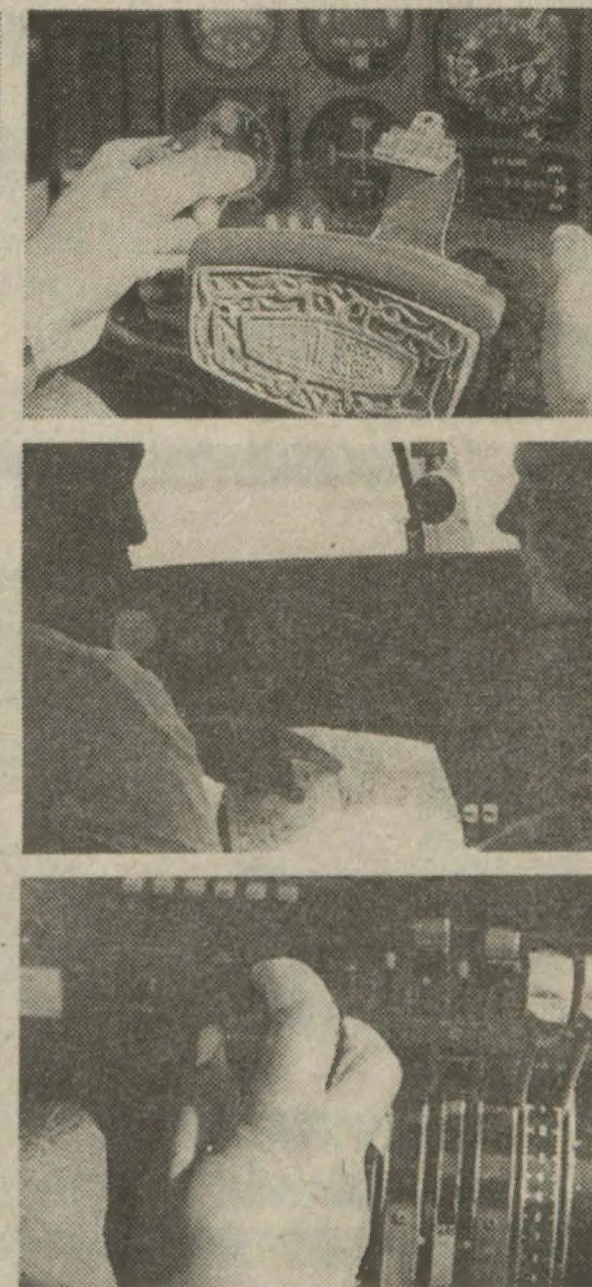
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# Maverick hockey ends sea

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Tomas Klempa punches Michigan's Steve Kampfer during a second period brawl March 14 at Yost Ice Arena in Ann Arbor, Mich.

CASSY LOSEKE

COPY & LINE EDITOR

ANN ARBOR, Mich. — After a game most Mav fans would prefer to forget, the second game of the quarterfinal round of conference play sang a slightly different tune for the Mavericks as they took on the University of Michigan Wolverines.

In the Central Collegiate Hockey Association playoff game the night before, the Mavs suffered a devastating 10-1 loss against the Wolverines, the second largest loss in the 11-year history of the UNO hockey program. UNO's worst loss occurred in late February 1998 at the University of Maine when they lost 11-0. The Mavs split the series after a 4-3 win the same weekend.

Although a repeat of the 4-3 win in 1998 didn't happen, the 2008 team played with more heart and ambition on Saturday in Ann Arbor as they skated to a 2-1 defeat.

Goaltender Jerad Kaufmann was determined to make sure a reoccurrence of the previous game wouldn't happen. The game's No. 3 star stonewalled 34 shots on goal, only allowing the puck to cross the line and into the net twice during the game.

UNO Head Coach Mike Kemp was pleased with Kaufmann's efforts after a disappointing show the night before.

"It was a tough night for him last night and like I've said a couple times ... that I anticipated as we've seen before with him, when he's had a rough outing on a Friday and taken him out of the game, he's usually come back the next night and played lights out. And again, tonight, I thought he did," Kemp said.

But Brandon Nauruto pulled in a goal for the Wolverines (29-5-4, 20-4-4) at the 3:14 mark of the first period, thanks to an assist from Brian Lebler and Mark Mitera. Nauruto also jumpstarted the binge scoring for Michigan by netting the first goal in Friday night's game.

It would take the Wolverines more than 15 minutes to score again, as Kaufmann allowed no further goals beyond the first 19 minutes of the game during the full 60 minutes he played.

The Maverick defense also tried holding tight; however, another goal slipped through their grasps. The Michigan offense sent in another goal via freshman forward Carl Hagelin, his 10th of the season. The goal was assisted by junior forward Travis Turnbull.

But the Mavericks weren't going to go home quietly.

During the opening seconds of the second period, junior forward Dan Charleston picked up the pace and gave it his all. At one point, Charleston took on four Michigan players by his lonesome, scrambling around on the ice, hockey stick outreached, while still keeping the puck from the grasps of the Wolverine defense.

Five minutes and 25 seconds later, Charleston completed his mission when he slid the puck into the net with help from teammates J.J. Koehler, a sophomore forward, and Alain Goulet, a freshman defenseman.

The power-play goal came after Chris Summers was sent to the penalty box for cross-checking at the 3:53 mark, allowing Maverick fans to taunt Billy Sauer, goaltender for Michigan, with the traditional "sieve" chant. Sauer blocked 26 UNO shot attempts.

The first and only UNO goal of the night and a contact with goalie penalty by Michigan freshman forward Aaron Palushaj continued to heighten the Wolverine frustrations. The call initiated a fight at the 6:30 mark, causing referee Matt Shegos and linesmen Paul Tunison and Neil Stafford to scramble to maintain order on the ice.

After sorting through the mess of helmets and gloves, six penalties were handed out. UNO's J.P. Platisha, Charleston and Mike Phillippi and Michigan's Tristin Llewellyn, Kevin Porter and Palushaj received penalties. Max Pacioretti, freshman forward for Michigan, and Nick Von Bokern, freshman defenseman for UNO, were also given game disqualifications for fighting.

But the ice wasn't the only location in the rink demanding attention due to its clashes.

An unidentified Michigan fan left the student section to ridicule the Maverick fans and parents on the opposing side of the rink. Causing an exchange of heated words and a couple shoves in the direction of a Yost Ice Arena staff member, Rick Scero, father of senior forward Brandon Scero and a Maverick faithful involved in the dispute, was asked to move to a different location for the remainder of the game.

Despite the drama on and off the ice, Brandon Scero was happy to see the effort his teammates exuded in Saturday night's game, as well as the rest of the season.

"It was a great year and we would have liked to end it in a different way, but I was just glad to see the boys in the third period," Scero said.

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# son with loss to Wolverines



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Michigan's Steve Kampfer sends the puck into the Mav zone as Nick Von Bokern and Dan Swanson (right) defend during the March 14 CCHA playoff game.

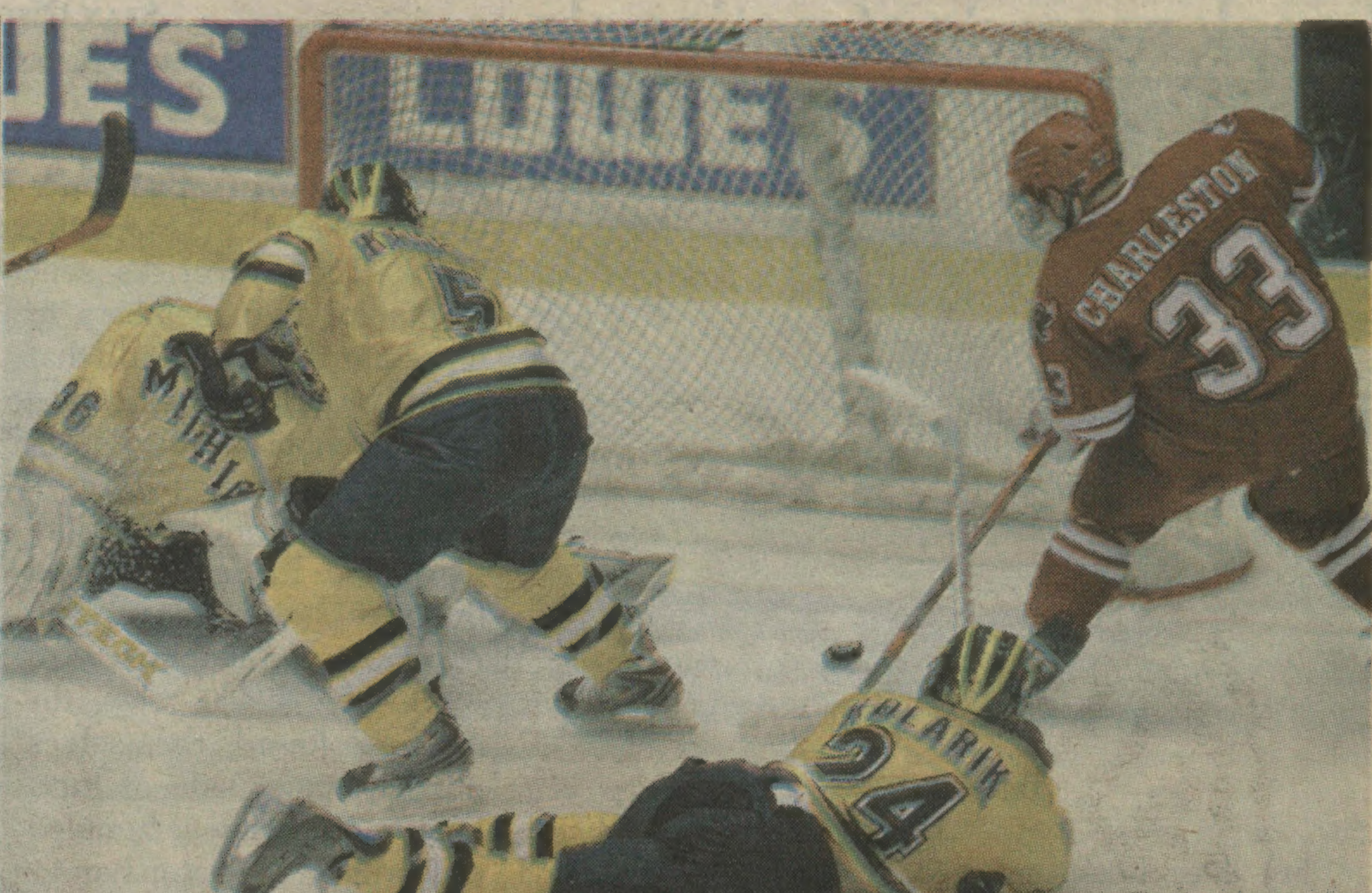


photo by Michelle Bishop

Dan Charleston scores on Michigan goalie Billy Sauer as Steve Kampfer and Chad Kolarik look on during the Mav's 2-1 loss on March 15 at Yost Ice Arena in Ann Arbor, Mich.

## Loss in final game of CCHA playoffs marks first losing season since 2003-04

Scero was injured with a dislocated shoulder.

Kemp agreed with Scero. He was pleased that the team had gotten over their jitters that may have cost them the first game of the second round.

"It's probably largely the fact that our guys stopped being in awe," Kemp said. "Last night, we were in awe of the environment, of the team and I think we were on our heels. And tonight we saw them score that first one, but I thought that we settled it down. And even when they scored the second one, we settled it down, and then decided it was time to start taking the game over."

But UNO's best efforts to take over and dominate weren't enough to carry the Mavs through to victory.

"We played toe to toe in the third and really



photo by Michelle Bishop

Mark Bernier watches as goalie Eric Aarnio is able to stop a Michigan shot from entering the net during UNO's 10-1 loss in game one of the CCHA playoffs on March 14.

had a lot of chances to even it up, but couldn't get the equalizer," Kemp said. "I'm deeply disappointed to see this come to an end the way it has."

Scero echoed his coach's sentiments.

"We gave it everything we got and just fell a little short," Scero said.

The game put an end to the Maverick's streak of four winning seasons. The 2008 season's record finished at 17-19-4 overall and 11-13-4 in the conference.

But despite Kemp's disappointments in the record books, he is hopeful for the oncoming season.

"We saw the nucleus of the defense returning and basically, with the pieces we have coming back to the puzzle and incoming freshman, I'm very excited and optimistic about next year," Kemp said.

Photo Editor Michelle Bishop contributed to this story.

## Scero, Bagron sign with ECHL teams

Two seniors from the UNO hockey team recently signed with two East Coast Hockey League teams.

Former Maverick forwards Brandon Scero and Bill Bagron recently ended their collegiate careers with a 2-1 loss to the University of Michigan Wolverines, but recently decided their next career step.

UNO Head Coach Mike Kemp expressed disappointment for the seniors graduating from the program.

"It's very, very, very disappointing to see the seniors leave," Kemp said. "What a great impact they've had and it's like I've said so many times, you love them like sons."

When asked what his plans for the future were immediately after the recent Maverick loss, Scero responded, "[I'm] definitely going to finish school and get my degree, but I don't know what my hockey future holds right now."

But for now, Scero and Bagron will be placing their college degrees on hold as both signed and recently played with two ECHL teams.

Scero, with his new teammates of the Mississippi Sea Wolves (26-37-1-2), took on Bagron and the Texas Wildcatters (50-7-4-7), in three games this past weekend. Friday's game resulted in a 6-1 win for Mississippi, with two goals by Scero. The Saturday game resulted in a 0-0 overtime tie, while Sunday's game split the series with a 1-0 win by the Wildcatters.

-Cassy Loseke



photo by Michelle Bishop

Michigan's Brandon Nauruto sets up a shot as goalie Jerad Kaufmann defends the net during UNO's 2-1 loss on March 15.

## Wolverines win CCHA title, move to NCAA tourney

Ending the UNO hockey season with a 2-1 loss, the Wolverines were sent to the Joe Louis Arena in Detroit to face rivals Northern Michigan in the semifinal round of the CCHA playoffs. The Wolverines won the game against the Wildcats 6-4, courtesy of goals from Chad Kolarik, Travis Turnbull, Tim Miller and Benn Winnett. Wolverine goaltender Billy Sauer made 18 saves, while Northern Michigan (30-5-4) goaltender Brian Stewart made 36 saves and allowed six goals.

The Wolverines then moved on to play the Miami (Ohio) RedHawks in the championship game, winning 2-1 in front of a crowd of 17,213. Brandon Nauruto and Aaron Palushaj scored the goals for Michigan, with Sauer making 27 saves. Miami (31-5-4) goaltender Jeff Zatloff made 24 saves during the game.

Michigan is now in the NCAA East Regional and seeded as the No. 1 team for the NCAA tournament. They will face Niagara on March 25 in Albany, N.Y.

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## UNO Swimmers deliver outstanding performances, break records at nationals



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Senior Adrienne Losee was one of six Mavericks named to the NCC Commissioner's Academic Honor Roll team.

**JASON SIBSON**  
SPORTS EDITOR

Just three weeks removed from their North Central Conference title, the UNO swimmers capped off a four-day national championship meet in Columbia, Mo., with a victory and a school record in the 400-yard freestyle relay. The strong finish left the Mavs in fifth place as a team, a mark that screams success for a UNO team that placed 16th at the national meet a year ago.

The team of Jessica Hessel, Kristy Gmeiner, Megan Guthmiller and Cait Hopkins won the meet's final event with a time of 3:25.52, a mark that shattered the old UNO record by more than four seconds.

Perennial power Truman State won its seventh national title in eight seasons, while NCC rival and conference meet runner-up North Dakota finished third.

The 400-yard relay time was one of three school records this year's team broke on the final day.

Lindsey Kline's time of 17:20.61 in the 1650-yard freestyle on the final day broke UNO's previous record by more than 10 seconds and earned her a fifth-place finish in the event.

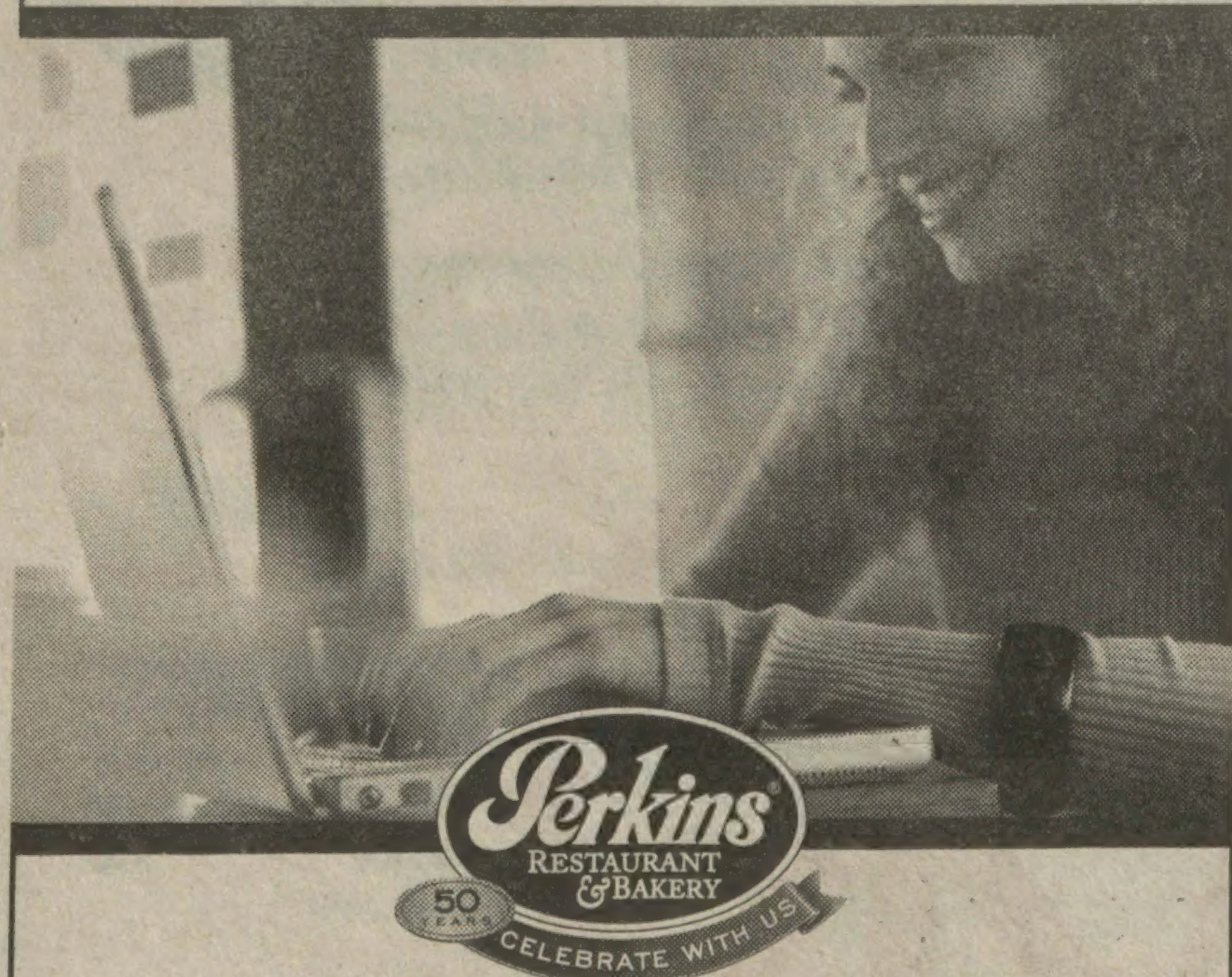
Kline had just broken two school records with her efforts in day three of the national meet. She broke the 500-yard freestyle school record that she set herself two years ago and anchored the 800-yard relay team whose school-record time was good enough for third behind Truman State and UC-San Diego.

In all, UNO set seven school records at this year's national meet.

Away from the pool this season, the success of UNO's swim team didn't end. Six Mavericks were included on the NCC Commissioner's Academic Honor Roll team for their outstanding work in the classroom. Sophomores Lisa Elworth and Shayna Gard, juniors Katie Hubbell and Kline and seniors Guthmiller and Adrienne Losee were UNO's representatives on the 91-member list.

UNO will lose six swimmers to graduation as they prepare to compete in a new conference, the Mid-America Intercollegiate Athletics Association, in 2008. Moving with the team to the new conference will be Kline, Jessica LaFave and others, as well as the final NCC championship crown. The hardware should make UNO's presence felt by all members of the MIAA next season.

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## Indoor UNO track and field season ends with tough finish at national meet as team looks to outdoors

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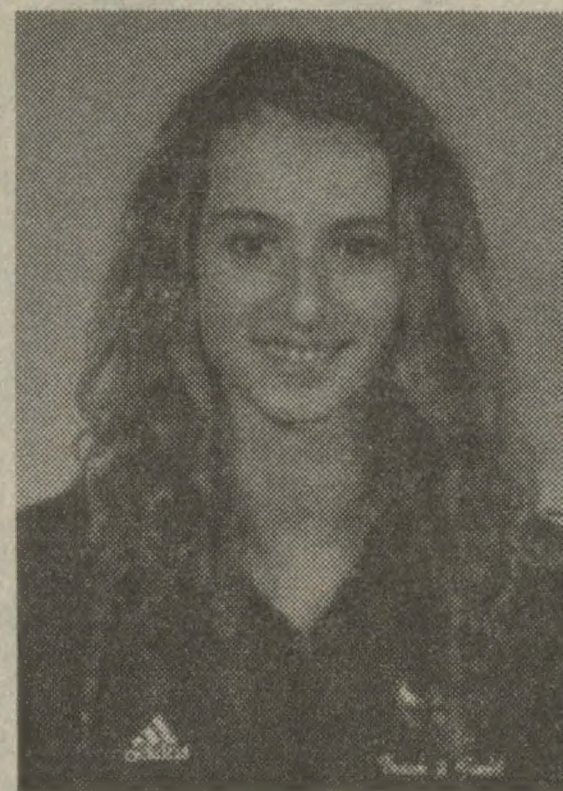
The indoor track and field team ended its season with a national appearance last weekend in Mankato, Minn. The Mavericks sent a total of five members to represent the school in what would be its final competition as a member of the North Central Conference.

The team finished in 30th place and managed to end the meet with several All-American nominations.

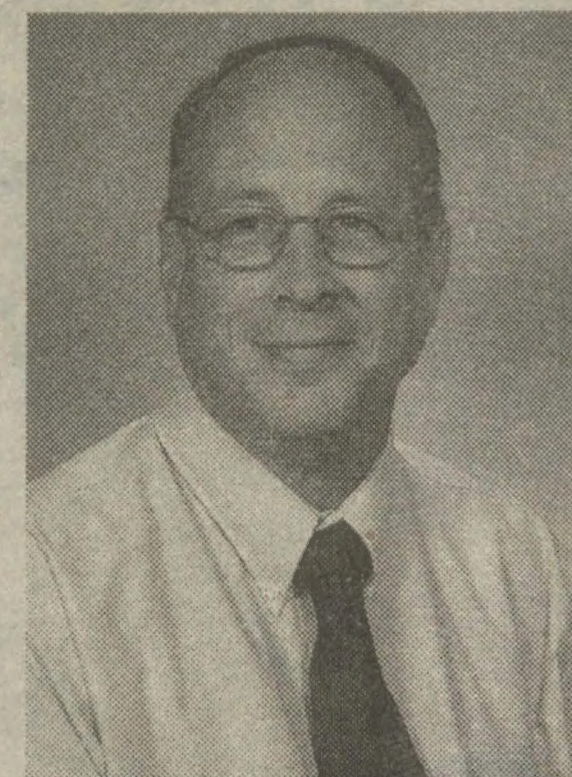
In the 4x400 relay, the runners found themselves on the wrong side of luck. Late in the relay, a fumbled exchange in the baton handoff led to the destruction of a sure-fire second or third-place finish.

With a pre-race ranking of sixth, the relay team – though giving away their Top 3 spot – still managed to blow by several other teams at the end to salvage an eighth-place finish.

"We just need to regroup and look forward to the outdoors," said Head Coach Steve Smith. "It was a tough way to finish, but I think we had a pretty good season with the red-shirts and injuries we had this year."



Pinar Saka



Steve Smith

Despite the baton drop, one of UNO's star athletes, Pinar Saka, led the charge back to the eighth-place finish and finished the national meet with All-American status. Saka was named North Regional track athlete of the year and earned three weekly NCC honors in 2008.

In the national meet, Saka placed eighth in both the 200- and 400-meter events with times of 25.03 and 56.73 respectively, earning All-American honors in both. Despite her Top 10 finishes, Saka believes that winning is what matters in the end.

"To me, it doesn't matter if I finish in eighth place or in second place," said Saka. "If it's not first place, it doesn't matter much to me."

The attitude of the international athlete from Istanbul, Turkey, is something that rings true in a lot of athletes in UNO sports. It is this part of NCC competition that will soon be just a memory, as the Mid-American Intercollegiate Athletics Association will be UNO's new stomping grounds next season.

The track and field team will have one last chance for redemption in the NCC when the outdoor competition starts Saturday, April 5, at the Northwest Missouri State University Invitational in Maryville, Mo.

## Rainout leaves Mavs standing victorious

**SCOTT STEWART**  
EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

Rain proved to be a friend to Maverick athletics for a change over spring break, with a rainout pushing UNO into first place at the Lion Invitational at Tanglewood Golf Course last week in Pottsboro, Texas.

With a team score of 324, the Mavs were left with a 12-shot advantage of West Texas A&M and the other 13 teams in the contest.

The canceling of the final round of the invite also left sophomore Abbey Weddle with a share of the individual title. Weddle tied with Marissa Hill of Drury and Raelynn Farthing of Central Oklahoma with a score of 41-38 for a total of 79 on the par-72 course.

Three other Mavs found themselves ranking at the

invite: Sarah Wolfe tied for fourth at 80, Lynn Mulligan tied for eighth with an 82 and Erin Ommen tied for 10th at 83. Also participating were Dani Suponchick with an 84, Lindsay Newton with a 93 and Kate O'Dea with a 96.

The win at the first spring event of the season followed the Oct. 6 through Oct. 8 North Central Conference Golf Championship in Sioux Falls, S.D., where the Mavs came in third behind North Dakota and Augustana.

The golfer's next contest will be this weekend at the Augustana College Women's Invitational, where they will return to Sioux Falls on Friday and Saturday. Then, they will compete in the Wayne State College Invitational in Wayne, Neb., Sunday and Monday.

The Mavs sole home contest, the UNO Ironwood Collegiate Golf Classic, will take place on April 20 and April 21 at the Ironwood Country Club in Omaha.

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in New Orleans was most apparent in the city's Ninth Ward. An area stricken with poverty even before the storm, the Ninth Ward is still a ghost town. We spent Friday morning wandering around the area, speechless and shaken. House after house lay collapsed, waiting for demolition that may not come for years.

Black and red X's indicated paramedic groups that had searched these homes for bodies, alive and dead. The left side of the X revealed the group's name, such as Florida 1 or Nebraska 3. At the top of the X was the date of the house's search, which was often a date months after the storm had hit. The right side revealed the dead body count – unlucky men, women and children found crushed, drowned or smothered inside.

Standing in the streets of this area and looking around, it wasn't hard to imagine this area under water. I felt under water that morning. The feeling of tragedy that crept through the community as we looked around, helpless, is a stench of emotion that I will carry with me forever.

Experts estimate it will take 10 years or longer for the region affected by Katrina and Rita to get back on its feet. Without volunteers, the work will never get done.

These cities and these people will never have enough help, but it doesn't mean we shouldn't try. For



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Another battered home in the Ninth Ward of New Orleans. This area has been virtually untouched since Hurricane Katrina flooded it over 2 1/2 years ago.

those looking for inspiration, purpose or just a way to help another, make your way down to Louisiana or Mississippi. You will find what you are looking for.

"The experiences that I got from this trip are almost hard to explain in words," said Neal Bonacci, a criminal justice major who made the Katrina relief trip over spring break for the second straight year. "This trip brought 28 people together with one common goal – to touch lives and push them forward to a brighter future. We met many people and did many things during our time in New Orleans, but from this experience I made great friends and memories that will stay with me for a lifetime."

I second that, Neal. Along with the 26 others.



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## Van Morrison, R.E.M. mix in with indie bands' showcases at SXSW



*Allentown Morning Call/MCT*  
Saddle Creek Indie-pop band Tilly and the Wall often use a tap dancer in place of drummer. The band was one of the bands to represent Omaha at this year's South by Southwest.

BY TIMOTHY FINN  
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AUSTIN, Texas (MCT) – This town's annual music festival long ago stopped being a place where unsigned bands can get discovered.

That loss of mission has been made official this year by the festival organizers, who summoned some experts for a Friday panel, where they addressed the question: "What Is The Future of Record Companies and Artist Deals?"

If you have to ask, the answer is implicit: Not very bright. It's all bad news if you're a young, unsigned band.

But music fans in Austin this week are reaping the rewards: the appearance of big-name headliners with label deals who are looking for ways to promote albums. None was bigger this week than the usually reclusive Van Morrison, who played a one-hour show Wednesday night at the club La Zona Rosa.

The place filled up before fans with wristbands could get in, which meant the place was full of industry and media people who tend to act cynical and not get too excited about whomever they're seeing.

That wasn't the case Wednesday night. Not long before Morrison took the stage, people up front (including me) were excited, even a little giddy. Some joked they didn't believe it was really going to happen. It was a break in the routine, a "moment" – kind of like when Davy Jones dropped in on "The Brady Bunch."

He played about a dozen songs, including the country classic "There Stands the Glass," but none was a classic of his own. About half were songs from his upcoming album, "Keep It Simple," including the title track.

He accompanied himself on saxophone and ukulele and showed what a taskmaster he can be with his band, barking out orders and pointing directions.

He also showed what a gruff host he can be. After a fan yelled something ridiculous like "the baby Jesus of white soul," he growled back, "Oh, [bleep] off." After finishing one of several molten blues-soul numbers, he said to no one in particular: "I'm glad we're finally going somewhere because I've got other things to do."

Morrison turns 63 this August, but even with a cough and cold, he can sing like he's still in his 40s. His voice has lost a little strength but not much range or finesse. All night he sounded fabulous. So did his

impeccable 10-piece band, which really got its frenzy on after he'd left the stage. The cat was gone, so the mice went a little crazy.

The other big headliner Wednesday: R.E.M., which played a midnight set at Stubb's. The band played a bunch of cuts from its new album, "Accelerate." They also tossed in lots of older material: "Second Guessing," "Electrolite," "Fall On Me," "Drive" and "Auctioneer (Another Engine)."

The good news: Most of the new stuff sounded like older stuff – like the better material from "New Adventures in Hi-Fi." The album comes out soon; expect a tour to follow. And if you've ever liked the band, go see them. They sounded revived.

Thursday, I took a long walk west toward Waterloo Records, hoping to get in to Sara Bareilles' in-store. No chance. Got there too late. Stopped in too many places doing free shows. Did the same thing on the way back. It's all way too hit-and-miss, but I bumped into a couple of good bands/acts:

**Macon Greyson:** It's a Dallas band, not a guy, but the guy (Buddy Huffman) sounds like a mix of the angry Steve Earle and Tom Petty.

**Child Bite:** These guys are from Detroit, but they look like they're Deep Southern. They look like the Drive-By Truckers – ball caps and beards. They mix punk and indie rock with some sax. Think of the Replacements covering "Rosalita" or the Police's "Peanuts." That's kind of what these guys sound like: all raw, tuneful energy.

One of the bigger shows Thursday was at the Austin Music Hall: My Morning Jacket headlined with Yo La Tengo and the Whigs. Yo La did the distortion/feedback thing too much and too long for my taste. I did like "Autumn Sweater," though. MMJ is fierce live – true to the recorded versions but raw and louder, more cosmic. Jim James' voice is supernal sometimes. The band played "Gideon" and "Wordless Chorus" and several songs from the record due in June, like "Highly Suspicious." Some of those were more formal country-rock songs.

The weather here has been pleasant, which has been good for the outdoor events, like the New West Records showcase. Johnny Rivers showed up and sang several songs with Buddy Miller. Then Rhett Miller and Old 97's played a set.

Look for a report about the experience of bands from Saddle Creek Records at SXSW in an upcoming issue of the Gateway.

## Saddle Creek meets SXSW

*Some local bands that made it big in Austin*

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### Son Ambulance

Formed in 2001, Son Ambulance is one of Saddle Creek Records' oldest commodities. The mellow-sounding rock band is made up of brothers Joe (vocals) and Daniel Knapp (keyboards), as well as drummer Jeff Koster. For the seven years the band has been producing music, they have collaborated with a wide variety of musicians, most notably Conor Oberst of Bright Eyes and Landon Hedges from Little Brazil. The band's last full-length album, "Key," was released in 2004 but after a long hiatus the band is set to release "Someone Else's Déjà Vu" in June 2008.



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### Ladyfinger

Made up of Ethan Jones, Pat Oakes, Chris Machmuller and Jamie Massey, Ladyfinger is Omaha's best kept secret that everybody, somehow, knows about. Not as high-profile as Bright Eyes, The Faint or Cursive, Ladyfinger is just as popular in the industry as any other Saddle Creek band. A mix of psychedelic and industrial rock, Ladyfinger released their debut album "Heavy Hands" in 2006 and hasn't slowed down since. The band will release a collaboration with fellow Omahans Dance Me Pregnant April 17 at Slowdown.

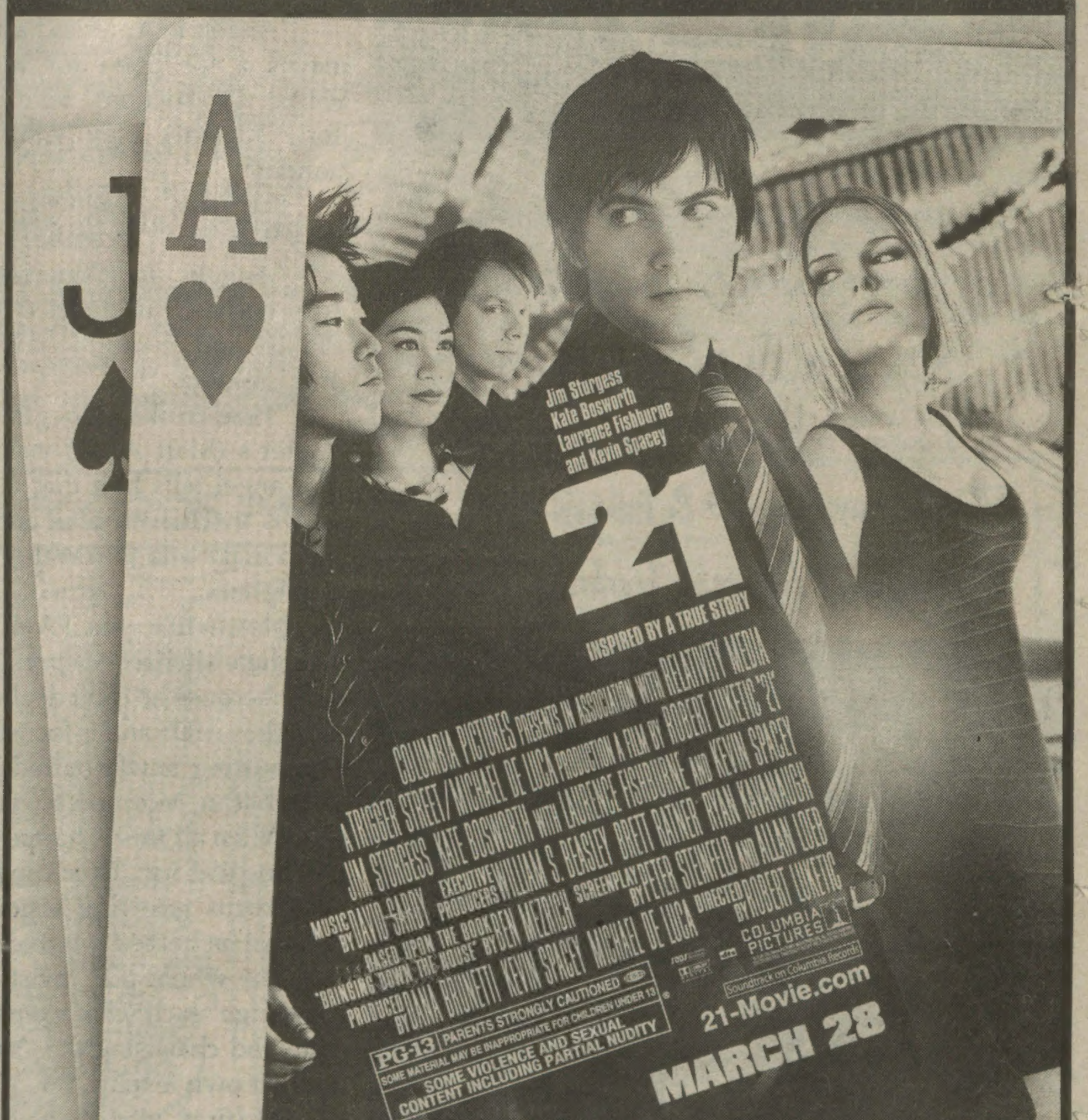
### Two Gallants

Two Gallants is Adam Stephens and Tyson Vogel, a pair of 27-year-old musicians who specialize in a fusion of blues and folk. With only a drum set and a guitar, the band has been Saddle Creek's premiere up-and-coming act. In addition to playing the SXSW festival the past two years, Two Gallants were recently invited to play at the Bonnaroo Music and Arts Festival in Tennessee this June alongside acts like Death Cab for Cutie, Against Me! and Jack Johnson.

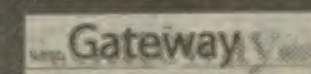
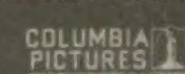


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# In short: Movie reviews in under 200 words



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"Vantage Point" initially drew me in with its tagline: "8 strangers. 8 points of view. 1 truth."

It seemed like an intelligent thriller, you know, the sort of movie you can relax and enjoy a thoughtful, but not too deep, evening at the theater.

The movie's gimmick – telling the story of a terrorist incident in Spain where the president of the United States is murdered – seemed interesting enough, too. Unfortunately, that gimmick ended up nearly ruining what otherwise would have been a well-executed, enjoyable diversion.

Perhaps for someone who has not grown up reading novelists like Kurt Vonnegut, where a nonlinear plotline is the standard, "Vantage Point" might have an appeal, because it literally rewinds the story several times over the course of the movie to switch perspectives.

However, like the 2004 movie "Crash," simply lifting a clever technique from literature isn't enough to make a movie good. And, like "Crash," if that's all the film brings to the theater, it's enough to make me want my \$8.75 back from AMC Oakview 24.

My advice is to do yourself a favor by passing on "Vantage Point" and go see "In Bruges" instead.



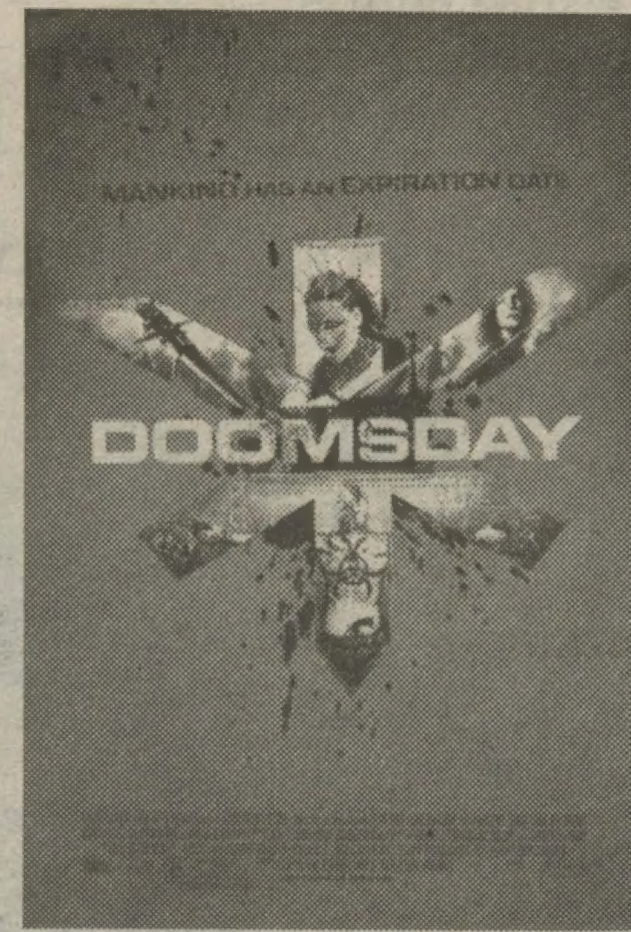
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If uncomfortable situations can be calmed with laughter, be prepared to chuckle through most of Michael Haneke's shot-for-shot U.S. remake of his 1997 Austrian film, "Funny Games."

"Funny Games" features Naomi Watts ("King Kong") and Tim Roth ("Pulp Fiction") as a well-to-do couple on vacation with their son at a weekend lake house before being attacked and held captive by two preppy-looking 20-somethings, who are played to perfection by Bradley Corbet ("24") and Michael Pitt ("The Village"). In the vein of films like "A Clockwork Orange" and "Who's Afraid of Virginia Woolf," Corbet and Pitt, whose real names are never given, take pleasure in playing games with Watts, Roth and their son (Devon Gearhart) in order to win a bet that all three will be dead by the morning.

"Funny Games" isn't enjoyable; quite the opposite. Haneke uses the film to explore the idea of violence as entertainment by using different techniques to guide the audience's reaction to what they see on screen and forces analysis of those reactions.

"Funny Games" may be harsh, uncomfortable, ambiguous and break all the rules. However, it certainly doesn't cheat the audience out of a memorable movie-going experience.



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In his latest film, "Doomsday," writer/director Neil Marshall borrows heavily from "The Road Warrior," "28 Days Later" and "Excalibur."

Thirty years after the deadly "Reaper" virus has forced England to quarantine Scotland, the infectious disease has resurfaced in London. Hoping to discover a cure, authorities request that Major Eden Sinclair (Rhona Mitra) lead a reconnaissance group into Glasgow, where survivors have recently been discovered.

The current inhabitants of Glasgow are post-apocalyptic, punk-rock cannibals that are far from receptive to Sinclair's mission. After a series of graphic clashes between the two groups, Sinclair discovers that the researcher she is looking for, Kane (Malcolm McDowell), has left the city with his own faction of survivors.

When Sinclair finally locates Kane, he is just as hospitable toward her as the Glasgow residents.

"Doomsday" is an action-packed mess of gratuitous violence and pointless plot twists. Although the first 20 minutes of the movie are an entertaining gorefest, the shock value soon wears off, leaving the viewer to watch redundant scenes that are just poor remakes of better films.



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## 'Perestroika' a smart follow up to SNAP's 'Angels'

REVIEW BY  
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"Angels in America Part 2: Perestroika" leaves a lot open for interpretation in SNAP! Productions' take on the famous Tony Kushner play, which ends its run Sunday.

The play, a follow-up to the theater company's December performance of "Angels in America: Millennium Approaches," is directed by M. Michele Phillips and co-produced by Thomas Lowe and Liz Heim.

"Perestroika" begins with Prior Walter's (Matt Allen) vision of an angel. The angel tells him that God had left the angels in Heaven after the San Francisco earthquake and that Walter has been made a prophet.

Meanwhile, his lover, Louis Ironson (Stephen Michael Shelton), has abandoned Prior because he can't deal with the fact that Prior has AIDS and is focusing his attentions on courting newly-outted Joe Pitt (Brian Zealand), the Republican, Mormon lawyer employed by Ron Kohn.

While all this is happening, Kohn gets checked into the hospital for "liver cancer," a doctor's code for HIV, and keeps receiving visions of Ethel Rosenbaum, the woman he helped put to death for being a communist.

The whole play twists and turns with events that challenge each character's morality, humanizing the elite and chastising the "sinners," bringing them down to their own level.

At first glance, a literal interpretation of this production might make many people uncomfortable due to the play's discussing the abandonment of God. However, this so-called abandonment is symbolic of the feelings of abandonment that many people in tragic situations may feel. If viewers look at this play from a metaphoric point of view, they may not only like the play but also understand how well written it really is.

In comparison to SNAP! Productions' "Millennium Approaches," the scene design was more fitting. The stage remained the same for most of the performance. It featured a wooden platform decorated with standard



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Louis (Stephen Michael Shelton) attempts to seduce Joe Pitt (Brian Zealand) in the second installment of "Angels in America" from SNAP!.

household items, such as bed boards and window frames that contrasted with the level of the floor and walls.

The actors used the different levels to represent different places, and different characters usually utilized one side more when they were with one person and the other side when they were with another character.

This contrast made the play more understandable and helped aide to the feeling of loss and abandonment.

The lighting design in this performance was also more advanced. The celestial scenes were vivid whereas scenes that took place at night or in the comfort of one's home were less elaborate.

The acting and production teams seemed to do a wonderful job in working together, making the performance understandable for those who didn't have a background to what happened in "Millennium."

Performances will continue Thursday, Friday and Saturday at 8 p.m. as well as on Sunday at 6 p.m. Tickets are \$15 for adults and \$12 for students as well as Theater Arts Guild members.

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## Cyberterrorism, hacktivism: Trying to find hope

### *Anonymous fights Co\$ while Chinese launch cyber attacks on human rights groups*

Watching the behavior of countries like China and the United States underscores one of the most important insights you can have into geopolitics: Essentially, the world community is in anarchy. The world stage is in a Hobbesian state of nature; there are no rules for those with enough strength or influence to avoid them.

Consider, for instance, the United Nations' lack of concern for the situation in Tibet. Secretary General Ban Ki-moon has called for restraint, but given China's status as a permanent member of the Security Council, there's no hope of any aid or justice coming to the providence from the organization.

In fact, according to the Associated Press, the Security Council has never debated Tibet and its issues have not been raised by the General Assembly since 1965. Its treatment of Tibet is just one of the many abuses that the Chinese government continues to get with simply because it has the power to do so.

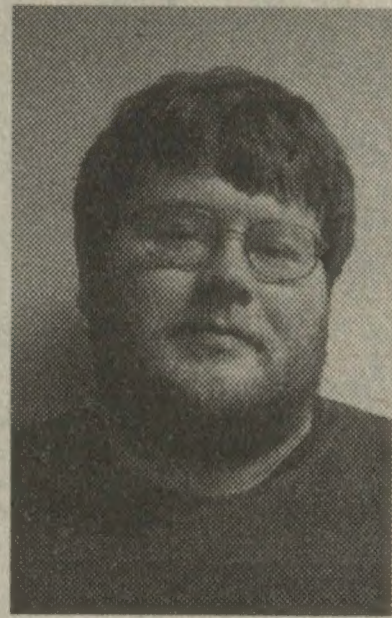
However, the geopolitical arena is not the only international stage essentially in anarchy. The Internet provides many people who have an above-average technical prowess to establish themselves as powerful members of an loosely regulated and hard-to-control domain of virtual interaction that can translate into real influence.

For example, look at the Internet phenomena that is Anonymous, the collective formed by some visitors to image-sharing Web sites where users are typically listed as anonymous. Imageboards like 4chan.org (which a friend once described as being where the worst people on the Internet hang out) provided a vehicle for a loose association of people who decided to take on one of the scariest organizations to target: the Church of Scientology (sometimes pejoratively called "Co\$" online just like Microsoft is sometimes called "M\$.")

The non-group sponsored protests on Feb. 10 and March 15 (church founder L. Ron Hubbard's birthday) in front of Church of Scientology buildings across the world. Many participants sported Guy Fawkes masks to draw attention both to their identity as Anonymous and the Church of Scientology's

abuse of litigation and coercion to suppress anti-Scientology viewpoints. The Web site goanonymous.org says the next wave of protests is scheduled for April 12 and provides information on how to join the effort.

#### Sinister Slant



Scott Stewart

Perhaps the most striking scene from the protests so far came out of Atlanta, specifically the Georgia Church of Scientology in Dunwoody, where YouTube videos showed riot police arresting protestors on March 15.

According to the *Atlanta Journal-Constitution*, in all five protestors were cited under an ordinance against "causing 'hazardous' or 'offensive' conditions." Eight motorists were also pulled over for honking their horns, being ticketed for excessive use of horns.

In response to Anonymous' efforts, representatives of the Church of Scientology made several statements. In a report for the *Los Angeles Times*, David Sarno wrote, "The church has referred to Anonymous as a group of 'cyberterrorists' and, in a statement, said the group's aims were 'reminiscent of al-Qaida spreading anti-American hatred and calling for U.S. destruction.'"

In milder terms, representatives of the church have called Anonymous bigoted and hateful. The church has compared Anonymous to Nazis, communists and terrorists, just to name a few things.

What Anonymous really has done is far less ominous: It has staged protests and, yes, some of its members have engaged in milder forms of "hacktivism," the merger of activism and hacking. Looking at the situation online, it seems likely that Anonymous has perpetrated denial-of-service attacks, faxing pages of black ink to the church, spamming its members e-mail accounts, etc.

Compared to the amount of censorship and litigation the Church of Scientology has done to online forums (example: the 2001 forcing of a link to the text of "OT III" off Slashdot.org, for example), this sort of pretty vandalism has a sort of cathartic justice to it. (Of course, that doesn't make it legal; it only seems to make it more a matter of free speech and legitimate protest than the simple, pointless crime it would otherwise be.)

If you want a look at real cyberterrorists, you need only glance across the Pacific to China, which seems to be allowing if not supporting systematic cyber attacks against pro-Tibet and human rights groups.

According to the *Washington Post*, attacks from computers in China have been made not only to groups like Students For a Free Tibet and the Tibet Support Network but also to the Save Darfur Coalition. The *Post* reported on March 21 that "the allegation fits a near decade-old pattern of cyber-espionage and cyber-intimidation by the Chinese government against critics of its human rights practices, experts said."

This is going on while the Chinese government sends troops to suppress Tibetans and quell protests that began on March 10 on the anniversary of a failed 1959 revolt.

The Chinese refuse to allow foreign journalists from the region, and information is nearly impossible to pin down. On Sunday, Reuters reported that the Chinese state news agency Xinhua claimed 94 people – mostly police – had been injured in the area; more accurate numbers are speculated but not verified.

With the international community seemingly unable to motivate China to seek a non-violent solution to the Tibetan issue, it seems that there is not much hope to be had by the followers of the Dalai Lama. The point is underscored by reports of His Holiness renewing his threat to resign as the leader of the Tibetan government-in-exile if violence is used in the struggle for freedom in the region.

Nevertheless, although their situation and motivations are utterly different than the bored college students and 15-year-olds on 4chan, perhaps efforts like Anonymous' continued protests of Scientology show that there still is hope for grassroots movements to overcome even Goliath-like opponents like China.

What the anarchy of the Internet, with the dueling examples of Anonymous and the cyberterrorism targeting anti-Chinese groups, shows us is that, when the playing field can be leveled to put average Joes on the level of world superpowers, some battles might be won over otherwise undefeatable opponents.

This is, of course, the strategy that the nonviolence of the Dalai Lama and others, like Mahatma Gandhi, seeks to do: By appealing to the moral authority of nonviolence, evil like that conducted by China can be shown in its real light. The hope is that it places both parties on an equal footing, and shows which deserves assistance and which opposition.

You just have to hope that the strategy pays off before it's too late. But, in a world as crazy as the modern one, few other options seems available for those suffering in places like Tibet or those fighting against legitimized criminals like the Church of Scientology.



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# Men's basketball: A retrospective look at a season Mav fans forgot

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**Editor's Note:** This piece is excerpted from a longer retrospective of the men's basketball season, which is available on the Gateway's Web site, [unogateway.com](http://unogateway.com).

[...] For D-II basketball fans, the name Winona State should strike some fear into you.

They have won 90 out of 92 games since Jan. 13, 2006. The only losses: a home game to Division III St. Thomas this year and a shocking upset in the D-II final last year (search YouTube for Barton; trust me, it's worth your time).

Winona State had set an NCAA D-II record for home wins in a row with 57. This is probably the premier basketball program in D-II right now.

They pack 4,000 people into a high-school sized gymnasium. Their student section is large, with students often lining up hours before the game to get tickets.

If you want to be the best, you have to beat the best. This was what UNO faced in the second round of the national tournament.

UNO came out ready to go. The team looked confident that they could stay with the Warriors.

The fans were also ready. The 40 strong fans were determined to make some noise while outnumbered nearly 100 to 1.

The Mavericks got off to a fast start, leading 2-0 after only 35 seconds.

I must admit: I got out my camera and took a picture of the scoreboard. If Winona destroyed UNO as they did many teams (the No. 5 team in the country got beat by 30 by the Warriors the week before), I wanted proof that UNO had a lead at one point.

UNO didn't get destroyed, though.

They hung with Winona early on in a defensive battle. UNO even had a six-point lead after an Albers 3-pointer only nine minutes in.



photo by Jon Green

Forward Denny Johnston lays it in for an easy 2 points against Winona State in the semifinal match of the North Central Regional on March 16.

Winona fought back though and took a 26-25 lead into halftime. The Mavericks had gotten the attention of their opposition.

Winona fans, who had earlier commented that all the other teams in the field were like high school teams compared to Winona, seemed a little uneasy.

UNO held a two-point lead after three minutes in the second half when Bennett picked up his third foul. After he sat down, Jonte Flowers began to take over.

A lay-up and a 3-pointer put Winona up 34-33. They extended the lead to 44-35 before Bennett checked back in four minutes later.

UNO got as close as one after that, when a Justin Petersen 3-pointer cut it to 51-50 with just 8:56 to go. But they never could tie it.

Winona had extended the lead back to 10 points with 3:52 to go. Flowers stole the ball and threw down a monster dunk.

It had become clear at that point. A minute later Johnston picked up his fifth foul on a very questionable call, and left the

game for the final time.

UNO tried to fight back, but to no avail.

A dunk by John Smith of Winona put them up 14 points with a minute to go, and the season was down to its final minute. Albers had the final field goal in UNO's dream season with a lay up.

Bennett checked out for the final time with 42 seconds to go, to the sound of much cheering from the UNO faithful. He gave it his all, and was very impressive going against one of the best big men in the country.

The final read Winona 80, Nebraska-Omaha 67. The season was over.

I can't really say this was the greatest team in UNO basketball history. I've barely been around for anything.

I can say, though, that this was my favorite team to watch in any sport of all time. The way these players gave it their all game in and game out was amazing.

Bennett worked so hard that a Winona woman suggested he get several jerseys, because the red was black within a few minutes.

Johnston seemed to deliver every time he was asked to—a great model of senior leadership.

Petersen dove into the stands in search of every loose ball, risking limbs and occasionally little boys.

Bridger showed remarkable poise for a sophomore, guiding the team's offensive attack to 85.5 points per game.

Jenkins showed no fear as a 6-3 185-pound missile going straight to the rim. He got knocked down as many times as he scored, yet he never stopped going.

The Albers brothers both knocked down shot after shot after shot off the bench. Mitch had one of the best freshman seasons in Mavericks history, averaging 11.5 points in just 18 minutes. The idea of watching him light up the nets for three more years is an amazing thought.

Nate Owen was solid when he had to step up in place of Bridger. Ryan Pace, Matt Newman, Mike Mokeski and Grant Nieland were model teammates.

They didn't get to play much, but were always supportive of their teammates and had a smile on their face.

This team was something special. [...]

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